**In Memoriam: Rev. Bernard Engelhardt**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we announce the death of Rev. Bernard Engelhardt. Pastor Engelhardt was a retired pastor of our synod who died on October 1.

Engelhardt, 91, of Berwick, was born on July 10, 1929, in Buffalo, N.Y., a son of the late William Frederick and Mildred (Schaffer) Engelhardt. He attended schools there and graduated from Bennett High School. During the summer he worked at Adam Meldrum and Anderson Department Store.

In the fall, he entered Wagner College on Staten Island. While there he met “forever friends” Richard Baller and James A. Harrison. Upon graduation, he entered the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary along with the Rev. Dr. James A. Harrison. A year ago, Bernie celebrated his 65th anniversary of ordination. His first churches were St. Peter’s in Ashland, and St. James in Lavelle.

His next call was to Grace Lutheran Church, Berwick. While there, he directed the congregation in the building of a parish house, which is as lovely today as when it was built. While in Berwick, he met and married his future wife, Elaine Fowler. July 2, 1960, was their wedding date. This past July they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. A call was given to him to be pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Mount Wolf. While there the couple was blessed with two sons, Stephen and David. Bernard chose to retire in 1994, at which time they returned to Berwick to care for Elaine’s mother, Florence Fowler. For a time, Bernard became visitation pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

In addition to church life, he joined the Lions Club and joined the Berwick Historical Society. People will remember him with his faithful hospital and home visitations, his warm demeanor, and broad smile which welcomed all.

Stephen lives in Berwick, and helped greatly with his father’s care. David lives in Maryland, with his wife, Michelle, and sons Eric and Ben. Bernard is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his sister, Reta, and her husband, Robert Eber.

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1600 Fowler Ave., Berwick, with Pastor John Koons and Bishop Barbara Collins officiating.

**Next Zoom: October 7**

The next monthly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place at 11:00 a.m. Here’s the login information: https://www.uss-elca.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/

**Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders**

Drawing on her experiences of simple and powerful ritual in her own life's apprenticeship with sorrow, Rev. Solveig Nilsen-Goodin is accompanying us through a six-month series on
the sacred work of grief (the first Wednesday of each month, September through February). This Wednesday, through reflection and guided meditation, she will open space for us to encounter the painful truth that "everything we love, we will lose."

https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk

A New Pandemic Fundraiser for CML:
Run4Camp 5K on All Saints Day

Camp Mount Luther invites you to be part of a fundraiser for camp that is being sponsored by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Sixteen Lutheran camps from across the country, including CML, are looking for folks to run/walk/rollerblade/bike/ski/wheelchair (whatever!) on Sunday, November 1, 2020. You will enter with a $25 registration fee and then you can also get at least five sponsors for your 5K with all proceeds going to Camp Mount Luther. This is also a fundraiser for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries organization as Camp Mount Luther has paid an entry fee to be part of this event. Your friends, family, colleagues, neighbors – whomsoever you identify – will fill out a form and they will then be directed to make a gift to your camp. The one form for ALL CAMPS & RETREAT CENTERS will make this whole thing go smoothly. Promise. Every single nickel pledged/given in support of YOU will go directly to Camp Mount Luther. Then, during your 5K on November 1, you will send a selfie of yourself while you are out on the road, or the trail, or wherever. And there are plans to have a virtual finish line as well. Be part of this exciting new opportunity for LOM and Camp Mount Luther! To sign up as a 5K'er, visit https://lomnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/mil2zyf11iow60/

Blanket Sunday Drop-off is October 10

Blanket Sunday was on October 4. It’s sponsored by the Women of the ELCA and the synod’s Global Ministry Committee. There will be a container at the Synod Office October 10, from 9-3. If you can please bring help to unload your boxes. Remember to label the boxes, items must be boxed and not weigh more than 40 pounds. Contact Sue Baylor at sueb123@ptd.net if you have questions.

Disaster Response Needs

Needed: Work crews to assist with the cleanup, muck out, mold remediation, Sawyer work, and other tasks in response to Isaias in NEPA and SEPA. Also needed are telephone callers to do follow up with residents. If you have groups that can help please contact Julia Menzo, jmenzo@libertylutheran.org, Kenton Hunt, drkhunt@gmail.com, or Karl Jones, kjones275@comcast.net.

Online Nutrition Classes

North Branch: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Site TBA

Tulpehocken: First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Site TBA

West Branch: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Messiah, South Williamsport
Penn State Nutrition Links offers a free online nutrition education programs to residents and agencies providing services in Union, Snyder, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties. Participants must regularly care for a child under 20 in their home or be in the process of reunification with children (children, grandchildren, foster children). The participant and/or children must meet the guidelines for WIC, SNAP, Medicaid, Food Pantry Boxes, Free/Reduced School Meal Income Guidelines, or be within 185% of poverty level ($47,000 a year for a family of 4 or less). Agencies and their clients can choose from a few options listed below:

1. A weekly online workshop just for your agency lasting 6 or more weeks. Zoom link provided by PSU. Prize bags will be dropped off at your agency or participant’s houses.

2. Two Zoom group meetings 4 weeks apart and a self-study online course for your participants with 6 lessons taught in self-paced short online video. Self-paced study will be tracked and must be completed to earn incentive items and certificates before second Zoom meeting. Prize bags will be dropped off at your agency or participant’s houses.

3. One on one instruction for your clients via zoom or phone. Prize bags will be dropped off at your agency or participant’s houses.

Lessons include: Fix It Safe, My Plate, Reading Nutrition Facts Labels, Smart Drink Choices, Eating More Fruits and Vegetables, Meal Planning, Saving Money on Healthy Food and more. All lessons are free to qualified participants. Attached is a flyer to share with participants if you cannot host a class. Thanks for your help in supporting Penn State Nutrition Links. For more information see this flyer:  

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Prayers

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors:

- Zion, Turbotville (Pastor Enwin Roux)
- St. Stephen’s, Licking Creek (Interim Pastor Jerri Carlin)
- St. Peter, Freeburg (Chaplain Pastor Ann Zimmerman)
- St. Peter, Columbia Hill (Interim Pastor Trevor Hahn)
- United, Sunbury (Pastor Andrew Weaver)
- St. Luke, Williamsport (Interim Pastor Jeff LeCrone)

We randomly list congregations from our synod each time in Headwaters.
Effective Transitional Leadership

If you are serving as a leader of an organization during a transition, this course is designed for you! More than ever, leaders of faith communities and organizations need skills to navigate these days of turmoil and change. Effective Transitional Leadership is a virtual workshop designed to teach and apply the essential skills needed to be an effective transitional leader. In these times, executive leaders must understand the opportunities transition creates for organizations and faith communities. This workshop covers the essential characteristics of this specialized work and strategies to support those engaged in it. “The workshop is a PRIMER for those who are new to transitional leadership and a REFRESHER for those transitional practitioners seeking to update their skills.”

TWO CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM: OCTOBER 20, 21, 27, 28, 2020 1:30 to 4:30 Each Day Eastern Time
DECEMBER 2-3, 2020 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Each Day Eastern Time

AFFORDABLE PRICING: TUITION: $365 CURRENT IMN MEMBER TUITION: $249.00

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Freedom of a Christian

You are invited to a 3-seminar series on The Freedom of a Christian, presented by the ELCA Wittenberg Center. The dates are as follows:

Session 1: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Session 2: Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Session 3: Friday, October 30, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Register at https://ue02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwufuqqrzosG9BKC3Ap5UW24HW8MyqML8@g6

Continuing Education

- Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here: https://diocesecopa.org/ssfm/
- Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at https://lmpeacecenter.org/
- Check out the latest offerings of the Interim Ministry Network here: https://imnedu.org/

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